

her shod so we didn't get back till noon but fooled around down town all morning. At dinner we were very disappointed to find that Mr. Millman was determined to go this after noon, we did our best to persuade him that the clay roads of Walpole would hold him up but it was no use. They didn't get started till two o'clock but I guess they got home safely, the place seems lonely with so many gone all at once. I don't know how the chicken will get along with out Aunt Alice. A special train come up from Hamilton this after noon with about 75 members of the Board of Trade and a brass band, they were here for about an hour and the Dover fellows took them around town in their autos hiles. They delivered a few speeches. R. L. Lohy from Hamilton made a speech from all accounts principally about Kirby and said he wanted to see him, but Kirby was out up town. Kirby used to be in the store in Chatam when Lohy was errand boy Kirby said they used to kick him all over and never had much use for him. Ernie and I & Ed. drove down for a little while but were late, we met all the automobiles on the hill and had to turn around. Ed. saw the cadets march down town. There was crowd enough for the first of July. I went to bed about the first thing after tea to night.

Wednesday June 16th
 Kirby came over this morning and started going over the corn field and planting the hills which the crows and black-birds have taken. He saw a black bird pulling some up but the crows don't come around when any one is near. I worked around the garden most of the day. This after noon Dad & Scully & it. We went over to Mrs. M^r. Bides this morning and got five bushels of dandy potatoes some of which we will use for seed. Bickler's man was in this after noon and we had to breed Ginger again. Fine and warm to day.

Thursday June 17th
 Kirby got over the rest of the corn field to day and we got a bushel or so of potatoes planted. Kirby & I planted and Dad. plowed them in. We put them right on the sod in every third furrow. When Frank come home to night he told us that Place's car load of posts had come. Sunny & hot.

Friday June 18th
 Dad. went down first thing this morning and twenty feet of the new road posts. He brought Kirby over with him and they went right back to John Wesses line with them and burned the old stump that was in the line Mr. Sheard came in while